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Man Convicted of Beating Death of USC Grad Student

A 21-year-old man was convicted today of murder for the 2014 beating death of a University of Southern California graduate student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about two hours before finding Andrew Garcia guilty of one count each of first-degree murder, robbery, attempted robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. The special circumstance allegation of murder during an attempted robbery was found to be true.

Deputy District Attorney John McKinney with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Garcia and others confronted 24-year-old Xinran Ji, who was walking home from a study group near the USC campus shortly before 1 a.m. on July 24, 2014. The victim was struck several times with a bat and a wrench before running away.

Garcia eventually caught up to Ji and hit him repeatedly with the bat. Ji made his way back to his apartment where he died. He was found hours later by a roommate.

Garcia, along with co-defendants Albert Ochoa, Jonathan Del Carmen and Alejandra Guerrero also robbed a man and a woman near Dockweiler Beach, the prosecutor said.

Guerrero, who was 16 when the murder occurred, was convicted in October 2016 of one count each of first-degree murder, robbery, attempted robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. She faces life in prison. A sentencing date hasn't been set.

Del Carmen and Ochoa are awaiting trial.

Case BA427590 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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